

*FRIENDS OF THE VILNIUS YIDDISH INSTITUTE*



*RESOLUTION*

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*Whereas the mission of the Friends of the Vilnius Yiddish Institute is to advance the study of the Yiddish language in the broadest context and to support academic and cultural activities that teach and interpret the culture of East European Jewry for the benefit of the peoples of all nations; and*

*Whereas, as part of its fulfillment of its mission, the Friends of the Vilnius Yiddish Institute provides material, intellectual and moral support to and for the Vilnius Yiddish Institute at Vilnius University, and*

*Whereas Vilnius Yiddish Institute Librarian Fania Yocheles Brantsovksy, veteran of the Yiddish educational institutions of prewar Vilna, is widely recognized as a valiant survivor of the Nazi horror in Lithuania and a heroine of the courageous struggle of the Jewish people to resist their brutal oppressors, and*

*Whereas sinister attempts are being made in some European Union countries at a Holocaust revisionism which seeks to justify the perpetrators of the Holocaust while defaming those who resisted it in order to survive,*

*BE IT RESOLVED* that the Friends of the Vilnius Yiddish Institute proudly acclaim Fania Yocheles Brantsovsky's historic contribution as a Jewish Partisan in the forests outside Vilna to the redemption of the freedom, rights, and honor of the Jewish citizens of Lithuania, and thus, too, the freedom, rights, and honor of all peoples subject to the crimes of oppression and murder perpetrated by the Nazis and their many local collaborators.

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED* further that the Friends of the Vilnius Yiddish Institute expresses its appreciation to Fania Yocheles Brantsovksy for her invaluable contributions to the programs and activities of the Vilnius Yiddish Institute, as librarian and as speaker and guide to international visitors on Jewish Vilna, the Vilna Ghetto, and the Partisan resistance movement, including the underground forest fort outside today's Vilnius, which, it is hoped, will be preserved for posterity as a monument to the indomitable human striving for freedom from oppression.

*FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE VILNIUS YIDDISH INSTITUTE*

*Richard Maullin, President*